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## Europeans demand answers over alleged US bug

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union angrily demanded answers from the United States on Sunday over allegations Washington had bugged its offices, the latest spying claim attributed to fugitive leaker Edward Snowden.

The report in German weekly Der Spiegel is likely to further strain relations between the United States and Europe, shortly after they launched formal negotiations to create what would be the world's biggest free trade area.

Der Spiegel said its report, which detailed covert surveillance by the US National Security Agency (NSA) on EU diplomatic missions, was based on confidential documents, some of which it had been able to consult via Snowden.

"We have immediately been in contact with the US authorities in Washington DC and in Brussels and have confronted them with the press reports," the European Commission said in a statement.

"They have told us they are checking on the accuracy of the information released yesterday and will come back to us."

One document, dated September 2010 and classed as "strictly confidential", describes how the NSA kept tabs on the European Union's

mission in Washington, Der Spiegel said.

Microphones were installed in the building and the computer network infiltrated, giving the agency access to emails and internal documents.

The EU delegation at the United Nations was subject to similar surveillance, Der Spiegel said, adding that the spying also extended to the 27-member bloc's Brussels headquarters.

It said the leaked documents referred to the Europeans as "targets", in intelligence activity reminiscent of the Cold War.

US Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes refused to be drawn into commenting directly on the allegations in a briefing in Johannesburg on Saturday, but said it was "worth noting" the US was "very close" to EU security services.

In a separate report on Sunday, Der Spiegel said leaked documents showed that the US secret services targeted Germany more than any other EU country.

Citing figures from NSA documents, the magazine said that half a billion forms of communication -- phone calls, emails, text messages and Internet chat entries -- were monitored in Germany every month.

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## 27th annual Aruba Hi-Winds begin tomorrow



The registration desks open tomorrow for the 27th annual Aruba Hi-Winds, one of the most prestigious PRO/AM windsurfing and kitesurfing competitions in the Caribbean. Registration will be followed by the official opening ceremonies and a welcome party at the Fisherman's Huts area north of the Marriott Resorts.

This year, the two organizers charged with putting this massive event together are Cees Terpstra and Jorke Braaksma. They claimed to have changed a few things. "The Hi Winds will be bigger and better than ever," they announced to island media at Casa Tua last Friday. "This year we will bring diversity and excitement to the activities with our 1st Aruba Hi-Winds XCC Mountain Bike Event. There will be more long distance races for windsurfers and kites, a beach tennis competition and SUP races. Now everyone can participate in the Aruba Hi-Winds!"

A traditional part of the Hi

Winds are a constant parade of festivities to keep spectators on the entertained and engages, such as the Fashion Show and a Night Kite Show. Radio Station Cool FM will transmit from the beach and there will be a Lounge with bargain priced ice cold beer all week long. Night time entertainment on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will include: Zazazi, Earplugs, DJ Mr. Ed, D, Datapanik, Mystical Connection and Honeypot, for an endless beach party.

This year, Aruba Hi Winds is hosting international

celebrities on the circuit. Famed professional kitesurfer Rob Douglas, the speed sailing world record holder at 55.65 knots, will participate in the long distance races. Also pro kitesurfers Damien Leroy and Melissa Gil will strengthen the jury of the Hi-Winds.

The week of the Hi Winds will end on Monday, July 8, with the awards night conducted at Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall.

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## Aruba receives approval from the Council of Ministers of the Dutch Kingdom



Min. of Finance Mike de Meza

Word has been received from the Hague that the Dutch Council of Ministers have given their approval for Aruba to emit bonds on the international market. Aruba will soon approach this market to pay a number of substantial loans that are due this year, as well as to finance the 2013 budget deficit. An esti-

mated 51% of the total sum of the loan will be destined to pay old debts, according to Minister de Meza. The last time that Aruba approached the international market was in September of 2012. At that time the interest rate had dropped from 6.5% to 4.6%.

Last Monday an Aruban delegation headed by the

Minister of Finance travelled to Geneva and Zurich to participate in the marketing of the transaction executed by Credit Suisse and UBS. Swiss investors were impressed with the manner in which the Aruba government dealt with the effects of the economic crisis, and how Aruba implemented structural reforms by means of a National Social Dialogue.

The 2013 budget deficit was approved at Afls.233 million. In addition to this amount the government of Aruba must comply with Afls.246 million in debts due this year. This is more than half of the total sum. An estimated 34% of this sum will go towards paying interest, according to de Meza. Only 1% of the amount to be borrowed will go toward paying operational costs of the government, while 13% will be used for investments.

Despite Aruba's BBB rating given by S&P as a result of the closure of the refinery, Aruba still has a stable projection for the future because of the government's strategy. S&P indicated just recently that the growing income from tourism together with the economic activity of the government's investment plan has helped to ward off the effect of the closure of the refinery.

The investments in the tourism sector and in infrastructure will support the economic growth for more the 2% during 2013.

Aruba stands to benefit greatly from the 240 million dollar bonds with an interest rate way below 4.6125%, according to the Aruba Minister of Finance!

## 27th annual Aruba Hi-Winds begin tomorrow

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After the prizes are awarded the annual Event Movie, an anecdotal recounting of the highlights of the week, will be screened. The organization of the Aruba Hi-Winds everyone to enjoy the trial and triumphs, hilarity and tears.

For the latest news and race results, visit the event website: [www.hiwind-saruba.com](http://www.hiwind-saruba.com) or the Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/arubahiwinds](http://www.facebook.com/arubahiwinds) where fabulous photos and videos will be posted daily. iPhone users can also download the free Aruba Hi-Winds App to stay up to the minute on all the news and happenings of this exciting event. Sunbathers should keep their cameras handy for the beautiful sight of colorful sails zipping along the Palm Beach coastline.

By Rosalie Klein

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## Meta Social Club introduces new logo and Carnival 60 costumes



Male and female costumes for grand parade



Though Carnival 2014 is still several months away, carnival fanatics are quite pre-occupied with the upcoming landmark event for Aruba, the Diamond Jubilee of Aruba's united, formal carnival. It is a most appropriate occasion for new groups to debut, and one has been already announced by the Meta Social Club, consisting of the nearly 2000 employees of MetaCorp, and their families. Meta is Aruba's largest local employer, and many of their staff participate with various carnival groups every year.

Meta Social Club Ramoncito Croes were joined by John Flemming, of the Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval, the

local foundation which administers over all the events, in the Renaissance boardroom to unveil their costumes and colors for the upcoming carnival. Ryan Maduro, a very well respected designer of carnival



Female costume Lighting Parade

themes and costumes, created the lovely blue/silver and purple outfits for the final parades, rich with spangles and sparkles. These will be for the masses who join the group; he has punctuated the MSC theme with elaborate floats and roadpieces. They also modeled their new logo shirts, which carry forward the color scheme. Alternative colors and costumes have been designed for the famous Light-




ing Parade. Themes for 2014 include "Happy Bacardi Bats" for the Fakkel Optocht, or Torch Parade, the inaugural night time parade that is usually conducted the first Saturday in January. A fantastical version of the Bacardi Rum logo and various products of Tropical Bottling, a MetaCorp company, will dominate the costuming. Regional representative for Bacardi was on hand to express how pleased the company is to see their product represented during Carnival 60.

For the annual Lighting Parade, in San Nicolas and Oranjestad, their theme is "Colors Explosion," based on the many companies and colors of MetaCorp. For the final parade, all the aspects of MetaCorp companies, the Renaissance Resorts, casinos, cinemas, ATCO concrete, Ecotech Ecology Technology, New York Laundry, Renaissance Mall & Marketplace and the convention center, will be represented in beautiful, vibrant costumes, floats and roadpieces. Meta Social Club will also elect a Carnival Queen and Senora Carnival, to compete on their behalf in the national pageant. The new carnival group is also in the midst of negotiations with Banda Duro and Banda Caribbean Punch from Holland to be their musical back up during parades, with well-known carnival performers "Mighty Campo," and "Lord Cachete."

The Meta Social Club welcomes all participants in their new group. They advise interested parties to check their Facebook page for updates and registration. Inscription will include participation in all major adult parades, and Meta Social Club will also

submit candidates for Grand Carnival Queen and Senora Carnival.

By Rosalie Klein

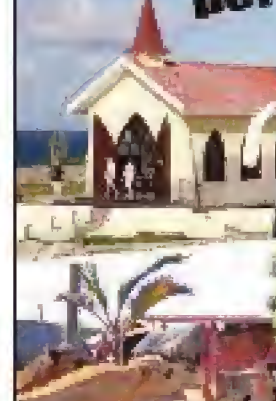
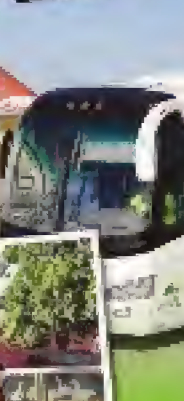


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## Family Fun at Marriott's "Come One, Come All" Press Trip



rant Simply Fish. On Friday morning the group spent the day at De Palm Island, where the little ones enjoyed the snorkeling and waterpark. At night the boys, Zachary (6), Oliver (5) and the youngest press member Whistler (3) showed their chef skills at La Vista, where they made their own pizzas. On Saturday, the participants had a fun morning at the Butterfly Farm followed by a beach tennis clinic by Aruba's Beach Tennis pro Bertrand. The afternoon was dedicated for some family time at the resort. In the evening, pancakes and poffertjes were served at the Dutch Pancake House.

The Aruba Marriott thanks De Palm Tours, Aruba Beach Tennis, the Butterfly Farm and the Dutch Pancake House for their cooperation and hospitality with the "Come one, come all" press trip.



The Aruba Marriott recently hosted four press members and their families for a special family focused press trip. Publications including

Atlanta Social Season Magazine, SurfAndSunshine.com, Parents Canada, Today's Parent, Trekaroo.com and Tampa

Bay Parenting Magazine visited Aruba for the first time and experienced Aruba as a family vacation destination.

The four journalists, their families, Diamond PR rep Lisa and Marriott's PR manager Keirsin started the trip off with a sunset dinner at Marriott's beachfront restau-

## Trampolin pa Trabao receives huge check courtesy of Raymond, Shurman, Liesbeth and Nathan

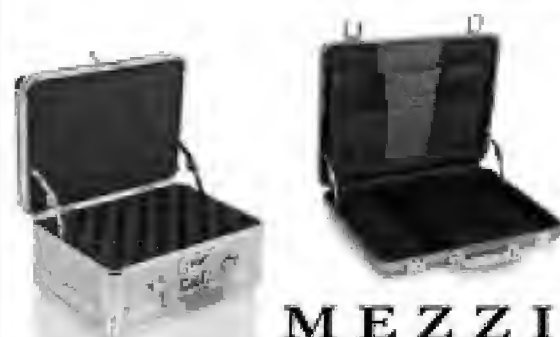
Trampolin pa Trabao, the worthy project of the Sonrisa foundation, can proceed full-speed now that the check of the 19th annual Polesitting Championships has been handed over.

Last Friday Diana Celaire, manager of Café the Plaza, was all smiles when she and co-winner Liesbeth Cornes announced the amount for Trampolin pa Trabao: a whopping 18,177.54! This money will be used for a training facility for catering, a café, a kitchen and a sheltered



workshop for the mentally challenged in the hope that

they will be able to get a job.  
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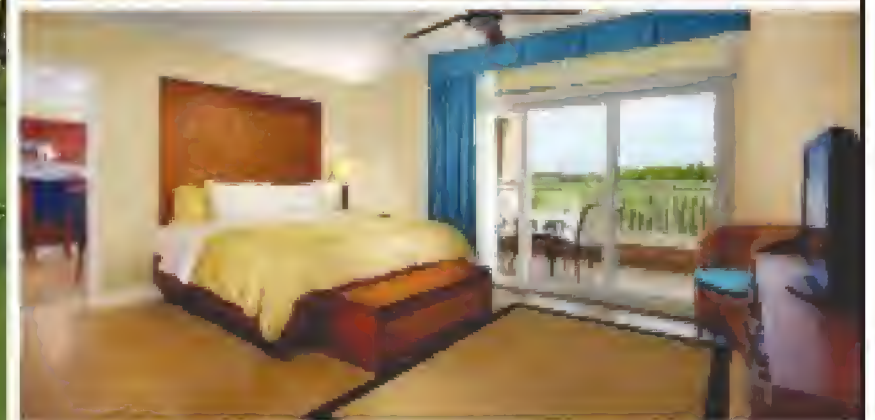
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## Totto Tu opens in Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall



The management of Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall was proud to welcome the newest edition to their stable of 55 fine quality stores, Totto Tu on Friday evening, June 28. Totto is a very popular brand of stylish clothing and well made, but moderately priced accessories for men and

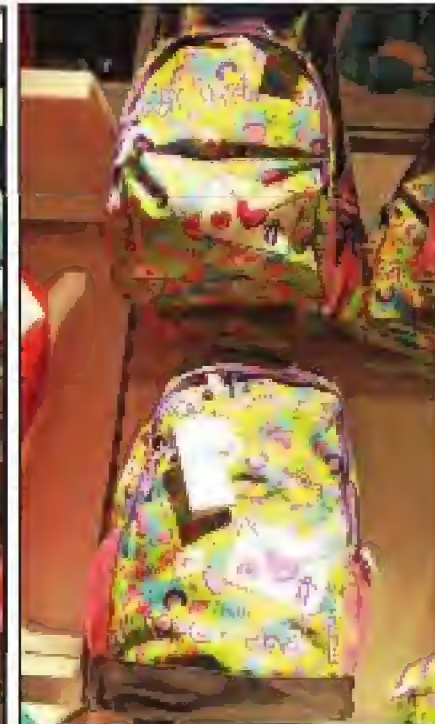
women. Totto Tu boasts a whimsical inventory especially designed with youngsters in mind.

The shopping center knew that many island youngsters would be interested in the beautiful collection, and the official store opening was followed by an entertaining



show for kids and parents in the Plaza Padu.

Totto, a Colombian design house, is particularly known for its delightful accessory



ensembles. Color and pattern coordinated suitcases, handbags, wallets and messenger bags can be mixed and matched for a definitive fashion statement. Patrons dedicated to the brand can attest to the fine quality of workmanship and the very affordable price range.

Totto Tu has everything for back to school, in ensembles that feature adorable themes. The materials are durable and stain-resistant for an excellent investment for all mini-fashionistas. They sports collections suitable for both girls and boys.

A group of young ladies

who are avid Totto Tu fans, found a large and varied selection of items that suited a range of ages, featuring their ever-popular pink. Boys will like the bold primary colors of their masculine selection. Aside from backpacks and book bags, they also have insulated and liquid-proof lunch bags, pencil cases and other necessities that sport the special Totto Tu style that works for school and many other activities.

Totto, though a recognized global fashion brand, has no stores in the U.S. Vacationers can outfit their kids for the next school year in a unique style that won't be found back home. Check out these quality fashion accessories at the new Totto Tu in Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall.

By Rosalie Klein

### Trampolin pa Trabao receives huge check ...Continued from pg 4

Four polesitters started their effort on May 9th. Their goal: break the record, which stood at 38 hours. Raymond Kempen and Nathan Janse did their very best, but had to step off their poles after many long hours, but Shurman Milliard and Liesbeth Cornes broke the record once again. This is a good team! Celebrities who occupied Café the Plaza's VIP pole included popular former Minister of Justice Rudy Croes, well-known Patrick Melchior, Lucia white, Café the Plaza's Jan-Pieter (JP), who was a fabulous barman during the '90s, Jan Hein Poelmann, John Bos (Old Dutch Café), lawyer Andin Bikker, 080's Jaap, Bingo's Frans de Rooy, radio personality Darren van Ommeren and Harry Koeman of AWD. These celebs have generated a grand part of the amount donated to Trampolin pa Trabao!

Trampolin pa Trabao is ready for action thanks to Café the Plaza's National Polesitting Championships and its fantastic polesitters! Pabien!

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The Spiegel claims are the latest in a series of allegations about US spying activity revealed by Snowden, a former NSA contractor who is holed up in a Moscow airport transit zone after the United States issued a warrant for his arrest and revoked his passport.

European Parliament president Martin Schulz said in a statement he was "deeply worried and shocked" by the reports.

"If the allegations prove to be true, it would be an extremely serious matter which will have a severe impact on EU-US relations."

EU powerhouse Germany

said the United States must quickly say whether the spying allegations were true or not.

"It's beyond our imagination that our friends in the US consider the Europeans as enemies," Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger said in a statement.

"If the media reports are accurate, it is reminiscent of actions among enemies during the Cold War."

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said Paris had also demanded an explanation from US authorities about the Spiegel reports. If confirmed, he said the spying activities would be "totally unacceptable".

## Obama 'humbled' by Mandela prison visit



ROBBEN ISLAND (AFP) - President Barack Obama was "humbled" by a visit to the old cell of a now critically ill Nelson Mandela, as he urged a young generation of Africans to take up his hero's mantle Sunday.

The US leader lauded Mandela and other anti-apartheid inmates of Robben Island who "refused to yield" in the face of racist white minority rule, paying homage to the ailing icon he was unable to see in hospital.

Obama, accompanied by his wife Michelle and young daughters Sasha and Malia, visited the bleak lime quarry where anti-apartheid activists -- including Mandela -- endured hours of backbreaking toil on this Atlantic outcrop.

After staring out the barred window of the small damp cell where Mandela spent two thirds of his 27 years in prison, Obama took a few minutes to write a note in the visitors book.

"On behalf of our family we're deeply humbled to stand where men of such courage faced down injustice and refused to yield," he wrote.

"The world is grateful for the heroes of Robben Island, who remind us that no shackles or cells can match the strength of the human spirit."

Obama later made Mandela the keystone of an address urging students at the University of Cape Town and elsewhere across the vast continent to make a difference.

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## Millions flood Egypt streets to demand Morsi ouster

CAIRO (AFP) - Millions flooded the streets on Sunday determined to oust Islamist President Mohamed Morsi on the anniversary of his turbulent first year in power, in the biggest protests Egypt has seen since the 2011 revolt.

As chants of "Leave!" rang out around Cairo, the presidency insisted dialogue was the only way out of the crisis.

Despite the peaceful atmosphere of the day, as night fell, isolated acts of violence left two people dead.

"It is the biggest protest in Egypt's history," a military source told AFP on condition of anonymity, adding that "millions" of people were on the streets across the country.

One person was killed in the central province of Assiut when gunmen on a motorbike opened fire on protesters, a security official said.

Another person died and 40 others were injured when clashes broke out between supporters and opponents of Morsi in Beni Suef province, south of Cairo.

Morsi's spokesman Ehab Fahmy, meanwhile, insisted on the need for a national dialogue.

The call fell on deaf ears as the main opposition coalition called for a campaign of civil disobedience and urged Egyptians to stay on the streets until Morsi stepped down.

## US top court rejects same-sex marriage appeal: report

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The US Supreme Court has rejected an emergency bid to reinstate California's ban on same-sex marriage, The Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

Theodore J. Boutsros Jr., one of the lawyers for the gay couples who sued to lift the ban, said he had received word that the justice tasked with handling the petition had denied it, the newspaper said.

Boutsros did not immediately respond to an AFP request for comment.

On Friday, California's Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals lifted the ban, imposed under the so-called Prop 8 ballot measure, with immediate effect.

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### No sign of US yacht missing 26 days off New Zealand



WELLINGTON (AFP) - New Zealand search officials are to reevaluate their search for six Americans and a Briton missing at sea for nearly four weeks after another fruitless aerial sweep on Sunday.

The seven were last heard from on June 4 when they reported they were sailing into a storm while en route from New Zealand to Australia.

The New Zealand Rescue Coordination Centre believes their schooner Nina sank and their search is focused on looking for a liferaft or debris off the West Coast of the North Island.

A New Zealand Air Force Orion spent nearly eight hours Sunday conducting a "lower, slower search than previous searches," but reported no trace of the 21-metre (70-foot) Nina nor its crew, centre spokeswoman Sarah Brazil said.

Since the alarm was raised on June 14, 10 days after the last communication with the yacht, land and sea searches have covered more than 500,000 square nautical miles

(1.7 million square kilometres), without success.

Brazil, the spokeswoman, said search officials would reassess the situation overnight and decide their next move on Monday morning.

The 35-year-old wooden vessel Nina, owned by American David Dyche, 58, was heading for Newcastle, Australia.

Also on board were his 60-year-old wife, Rosemary and their son David, 17, along with a 28-year-old American man and a 35-year-old Briton, an 18-year-old American woman and noted American computer systems authority Evi Nemeth, 73.

In 1928, the Nina became the first US vessel to win the famous British Isles Fastnet race, according to an entry on the website sailblogs.com by Rosemary Dyche.

She describes the schooner as the flagship of the New York Yacht Club after World War II before her husband bought it in 1983, detailing its restoration as "a labour of love".

### Philippines accuses China of military buildup at sea

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN (AFP) - The Philippines accused China on Sunday of a "massive" military buildup in the disputed South China Sea, warning at a regional security forum that the Asian giant's tactics were a threat to peace.

The statement by Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert Del Rosario ensured that the growing row over rival claims to the strategically vital and potentially resource-rich sea would again be a key focus of the annual four-day Asia-Pacific talks.

Del Rosario described the Chinese presence at these islets as "threats to efforts to maintain maritime peace and stability in the region".

He did not give details of the alleged buildup but said the Chinese actions violated a pact in 2002 in which rival claimants to the sea pledged not to take any actions that may increase tensions.

The declaration on conduct signed by the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China also committed claimants to settle their disputes "without resorting to the threat or use of force".

China claims nearly all of the sea, even waters approaching the coasts of neighbouring countries.

ASEAN members the

Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei and Malaysia, as well as Taiwan, also have competing claims to parts of the sea.

The rivalries have for decades been a source of regional tension, with China and Vietnam fighting battles in 1974 and 1988 for control of some islands in which dozens of Vietnamese soldiers died.

Tensions have again grown in recent years with the Philippines, Vietnam and some other

countries expressing concern at increasingly assertive Chinese military and diplomatic tactics to stress control of the sea.

Setting the tone for the Brunei event, a powerful arm of China's state-run media warned the Philippines on Saturday that its defiance could lead to aggressive Chinese action.

Del Rosario on Sunday expressed alarm at such rhetoric.

### Mexico candidate wounded in third attack on politicians

OAXACA (AFP) - Gunmen attacked a woman running for the Oaxaca state legislature on Saturday, wounding her while killing her husband and an assistant in the third shooting against politicians this week ahead of Mexican local elections.

Rosalia Palma, a member of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), was traveling on a highway in a sport-utility vehicle when assailants fired 35 times with R-15 assault rifles and 9mm handguns, state police said.

Palma was seriously wounded while her husband, Efrain Cruz Bruno, and assistant, Talia Cruz Ibanez, died in the attack in the southern state. The candidate, running in a

coalition with the Green Party, was taken to a hospital in the state capital.

The attack came two days after the leader of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) in Oaxaca was found dead with three gunshot wounds to the head in the municipality of Tuxtepec.

Elsewhere, two politicians dropped out of the elections in the northwestern state of Sinaloa after another candidate was assassinated in the region plagued by drug violence.

Mexico has endured a relentless wave of drug violence that left some 70,000 people dead between 2006-2012, when Felipe Calderon held the presidency.

### Russia's Putin signs 'anti-gay propaganda' bill into law

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed into law a bill punishing people for homosexual "propaganda", an official publication showed Sunday, in a move critics fear will fuel hate crimes. In another controversial step, Putin also signed a bill imposing jail terms and fines on those who offend religious believers, seen as a response to last year's anti-Putin stunt by the punk band Pussy Riot in a Moscow cathedral. Rights activists and Western governments have criticised both bills as part of an unprecedented crackdown on dissenting voices after Putin returned to the Kremlin last year. The anti-propaganda law introduces fines of up to 5,000 rubles (\$156) for citizens who disseminate information aimed at minors "directed at forming nontraditional sexual setup" or which may cause a "distorted understanding" that gay and heterosexual relations are "socially equivalent", the official publication of the bill showed. Opponents have called the bill homophobic and so vaguely defined that it would inevitably be used arbitrarily and stir anti-gay sentiment in the country. However, it sailed through parliament and Putin had promised in advance that he would sign it.

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## Health & Living

### Ten million more people advised to take HIV drugs: UN

GENEVA (AFP) - Around 34 million people worldwide were living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in 2011, nearly 70 percent of them in sub-Saharan Africa, according to WHO statistics.

The UN agency's previous treatment guidelines, set down in 2010, called for drug initiation when the tally of CD4 cells -- the key immune cells targeted by HIV -- reached 350 cells or less per microlitre of blood.

Under this benchmark, 16.7 million people in low and middle-income countries were medically eligible last year to receive the drug "cocktail".

which rolls back infection although it does not cure it.

Despite years of fundraising and efforts to build medical infrastructure in poor countries, only 9.7 million of the 16.7 million currently get the treatment.

On Sunday, WHO said that after weighing evidence for drug efficacy, benefits for the immune system and potential side effects, it recommended raising the CD4 threshold to 500 cells per microlitre of blood.

That means treatment should start at a much earlier stage of infection.

This, along with the recommendation to treat all infected pregnant women and children under five -- as well as other vulnerable groups, regardless of their cell-count -- brings the number of patients who are advised to take these drugs to some 26 million, the WHO said.

Michel Sidibe, who heads the UN's AIDS prevention agency agreed, telling AFP the new guidelines were "bringing us closer to what I would call the end of the AIDS epidemic."

The aim is to get at least 15 million HIV patients onto antiretroviral therapy (ART) by 2015 and, by 2025, reach 80 percent coverage of those then in need.

Gradually adhering to the new guidelines will add 10 percent to the currently estimated \$22-24 billion needed each year to fully respond to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. That figure includes not only treatment but also prevention and diagnostics, he said.

In 2011, the actual global spending stood close to \$17 billion.

"But the impact will be substantial," he said, stressing that "we are expecting three million additional deaths avoided between now and 2025, and 3.5 million additional new infections averted."

- Pay now, or pay forever - Sidibe meanwhile said he believed that rather than growing, the costs of treating HIV patients would soon begin shrinking as drug and diagnostics prices continue their decline -- and as countries find smarter ways of delivering the treatment.

Many countries "are really seeing the benefit of putting their people on treatment," he said.

This, in addition to the belief that more treatment will help avert infections, eventually leaving fewer people to treat, makes the investment a no-brainer, Sidibe said.

The world has already scaled up treatment dramatically.

ART has reached 30 times more people last year than a decade earlier, when only 300,000 people in low and middle-income countries were receiving the then exceedingly expensive drugs, said Gundo Weiler of WHO's HIV/AIDS department.

Efforts to avoid mother-to-fetus transmission of the disease had also helped 800,000 children escape infection.

But Weiler and others warned Sunday that children infected with HIV were still one of the main groups left out with only one of three children needing antiretroviral treatment receiving it, according to 2011 statistics.

### Gene clues show which children will grow out of asthma



PARIS (AFP) - A gene scorecard may one day help predict which youngsters are likely to grow out of childhood asthma and which will have the disease in adulthood, a study said.

Asthma is one of the commonest disorders among children in developed countries and is spreading fast in emerging economies.

Roughly half of children with asthma will emerge from it by the time they become young adults -- but until now, no-one knows how to determine who will be the lucky ones.

Researchers in the United States put together a risk score derived from 15 genetic variants that are closely associated with asthma.

They tested this model on data from a highly-regarded, long-running study in New Zealand, in which 880 people have been tracked for health since their birth 40 years ago.

Those whose DNA carried most risk variants were more than a third likelier to develop asthma earlier in life and to have asthma that persisted into adulthood than those at low genetic risk.

A higher score also meant they were likelier to be prone to asthma-related allergic reactions and impaired lung function. They were also likelier to miss school or work than counterparts with a lower genetic risk.

The test is an initial foray into a complex disease believed to have environmental and genetic factors, and for which more risk variants are likely to emerge.

It could unlock better understanding of the biology of asthma, notably how pollution and genes interact.

But it would have to be refined and widened to make it useable in routine medical practice.

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## Pricey but worth it: Cubans finally surf the Web

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuban teacher Nancy Garcia would love to surf the Web at home. But since that is restricted in this communist country, she now logs on from new hotspots -- at a price few can afford.

With only doctors, journalists and certain other professionals able to connect from home, Cuba has one of the lowest numbers of Web users in all of Latin America just 2.6 million in 2011, out of a population of 11.1 million.

With few other options, Garcia and hundreds like her have been flocking to the new government-created hotspots to check email, connect to social

media and browse websites. That's if they can pay for it.

At the cost of \$4.50 an hour, down from \$6 previously, the Internet remains out of reach for most Cubans whose monthly salary barely scratches the \$20 mark.

Authorities say their goal is to provide home Web access. But despite the switching on of an undersea fiber-optic cable from Venezuela to replace costly satellite hookups, the government has said it is forced to "prioritize" it for it for "social use" purposes, with universities, companies and research centers given preference.

## Gene discoveries may aid fight against wheat disease

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Two genes that are resistant to fungal wheat disease may help ward off a growing epidemic of stem rust that threatens crops in Africa, the Middle East and beyond, researchers said.

International scientists have spent years trying to pin down the sections of the wheat genome that are resistant to Ug99, a pathogen that was first found to be killing wheat crops in Uganda in the late 1990s and has since appeared in Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Yemen and Iran.

The last major outbreak of wheat stem rust in the 1950s

was quelled two decades later with the introduction of a resistant strain of plants, a pioneering project by Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman Borlaug, the father of the Green Revolution.

Concerns resurfaced when the Ug99 pathogen appeared, packing the potential to infect 90 percent of the crop globally and risking unrest linked to shortages and high prices since wheat provides about 20 percent of the world's food.

Two genes -- Sr35 and Sr33 -- appear to confer resistance by acting as part of the plant's immune system and fighting off the deadly fungal disease.

## Sci-Tech

### 3,000 still missing in India's flood-hit north: official

DEHRADUN (AFP) - Some 3,000 people remain missing in India's flood-ravaged north two weeks after the tragedy, but it is unclear how many of those have been killed, a top state official said Sunday.

About 1,000 people, many of them pilgrims and tourists, are confirmed dead after flash floods and landslides caused by torrential monsoon rains hit the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand on June 15, officials have said.

Thousands of soldiers, backed by military helicopters, have wound down rescue efforts after evacuating more than 100,000 people stranded in the state, which was packed with tourists on pilgrimages to remote Hindu temples and shrines.

Bahuguna announced that families will receive 500,000 rupees (\$8,500) in compensation if their loved ones are still missing after the next 30 days.

Some of those initially reported missing may have returned home or continued with their travels but failed to notify local authorities, officials said.

The exact death toll may never be known because some of the bodies may have been washed away or buried under tonnes of debris, Bahuguna told the Press Trust of India.

A state lawmaker said late Saturday the death toll could cross 10,000 but the figure was rejected as "guesswork" by Bahuguna.

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1. Fuel economy stat
4. Shoo-fly
7. Wail
11. Hindu teacher
12. Bagel's partner
13. Ruckus
14. Milo's pal
15. Reached
17. Annoying sort
18. Objects aimed at
19. "\_\_\_ or not..." ("Hamlet," 2 wds.)
21. Dog's sound
22. Frazier's rival
24. Certain grain
26. Written theme
30. Actor Johnson
31. Pound part
33. Actress Zadora
34. Put in office
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40. Shortly
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45. Meaning
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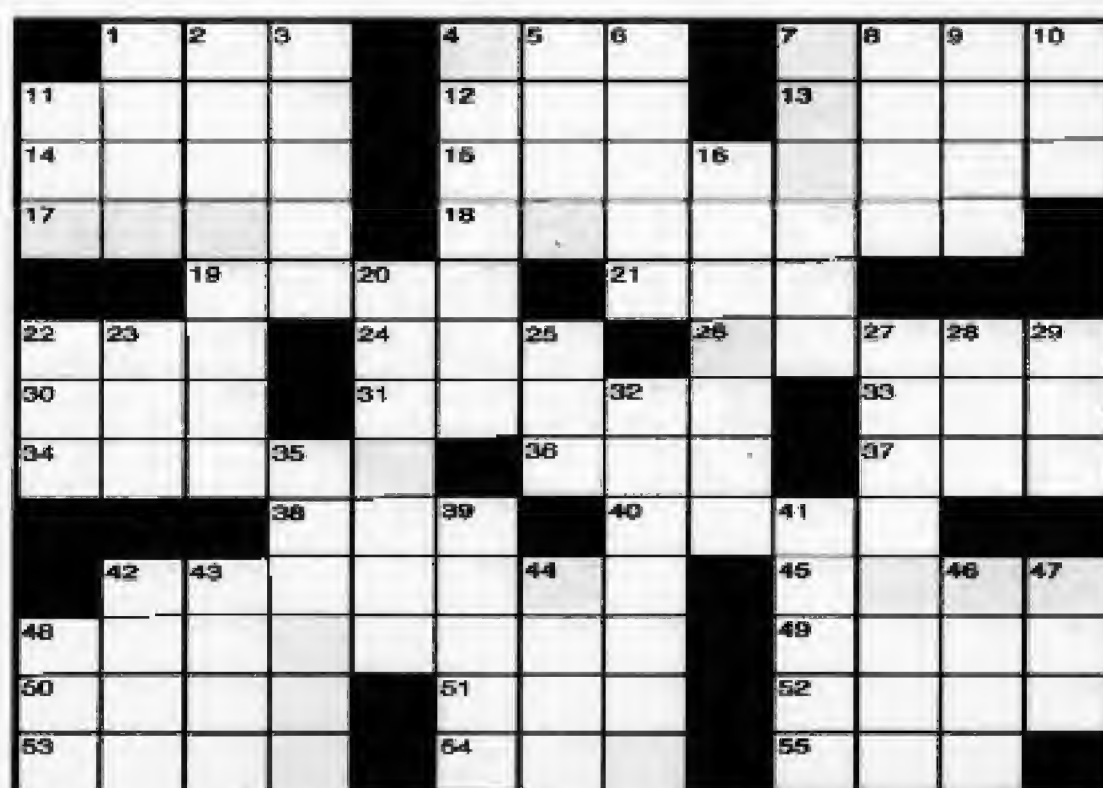
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54. Quebec article
55. Fast jet (abbr.)
1. Like Harpo
2. Untouched by man
3. Enthusiasm
4. Tableland
5. Jot
6. Additional
7. Legal papers
8. Slangy negative
9. Tribulations

10. 1970s midsize Ford
11. Grand Old Party (abbr.)
16. Arrive at a settlement (2 wds.)
20. Illegal liquor
22. Fruity drink
23. Reaction to an IM joke
25. High explosive (abbr.)
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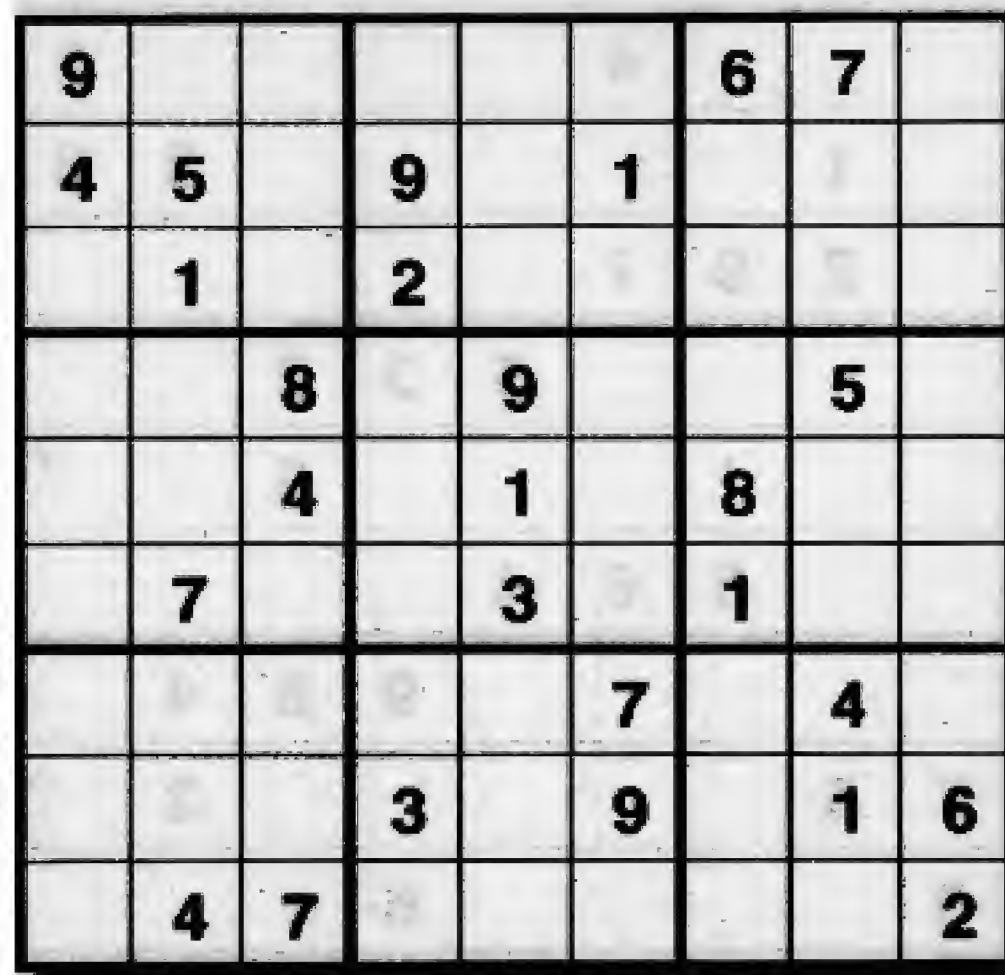
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## Croatia celebrates historic EU entry

ZAGREB (AFP) - Croatians gathered on Sunday to celebrate a countdown to their country's entry into the European Union, a historic moment for the former Yugoslav republic that emerged from a bloody independence war in the 1990s.

Crowds flocked to the capital's main square to join more than 100 European dignitaries to mark the stroke of midnight (2200 GMT) when Croatia will officially become the bloc's 28th member.

The EU anthem, Beethoven's "Ode to Joy", will be played, followed by speeches by European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and Croatian President Ivo Josipovic.

Croatia will become only the second former Yugoslav republic to join the bloc, after Slovenia, following the bloody breakup of the ex-communist federation in the 1990s. But observers say the celebrations are overshadowed by economic worries.

In a symbolic gesture, Croatia will remove the "Customs" sign at a border crossing with Slovenia at midnight.

At the same time, the "EU" sign will be erected at the land border with Serbia, another ex-Yugoslav republic which on Friday got a greenlight from Brussels to open membership talks by January 2014.

Croatia will become the first new member since Bulgaria and Romania joined in 2007.

## British parliament spends £100,000 upgrading two toilets

LONDON (AFP) - The British parliament is to spend up to £100,000 (120,000 euros, \$150,000) on refurbishing two toilets used by members of the House of Lords and guests, it emerged on Sunday.

A contract put out to tender by the House of Commons authorities says the toilets, installed in 1937, have not been refurbished for 20 years "and have reached the end of their serviceable life".

The document says: "The lavatories are in an unacceptable condition for the high profile area they are in and they give a poor image of the Palace of Westminster."

"A refurbishment is required urgently to bring the amenities to a standard that reflects a World Heritage site."

The contract to upgrade the toilets -- one cubicle and two urinals for men and one cubicle for women -- is valued at between £90,000 and £100,000.

The work will include putting in a disabled toilet and an additional cubicle for women, and installing oak panelling to the high standard required of a listed building.

But Matthew Sinclair of the Taxpayers' Alliance, a lobbying group, said the sum was "eye-watering", adding: "A family could afford to build themselves a home for this much cash."

## FINANCE

## EU warns US spying claims could impact free trade talks

BRUSSELS (AFP) - EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding on Sunday warned that landmark negotiations with the United States to create a vast free trade zone could be affected if media reports that Washington had bugged EU premises proved true.

"There should be no spying between partners. We can't negotiate a large transatlantic market if there is any doubt that our partners are bugging the offices of European negotiators," Reding said at a meeting with EU citizens in Luxembourg, according to her spokesperson.

European Union countries

have responded with dismay to a report in German weekly Der Spiegel this weekend which detailed covert surveillance by the US National Security Agency (NSA) on EU diplomatic missions in the United States and in Brussels.

One document, dated September 2010 and classed as "strictly confidential", describes how the NSA kept tabs on the EU's mission in Washington, Der Spiegel said.

The allegations have put a strain on EU-US ties less than two weeks after they launched long-awaited formal negotiations to create the world's biggest free trade zone.

Trade in goods between the United States and the 27-country EU last year was worth some 500 billion euros (\$670 billion), with another 280 billion euros in services and trillions in investment flows.

The EU says establishing a Free Trade Agreement would add about 119 billion euros annually to the EU economy, and 95 billion euros for the United States.

The first round of talks aimed at creating jobs and boosting the fragile global economy is expected to take place in Washington next month.

## Petrocaribe summit launches special economic zone

MANAGUA 3 (AFP) - Caribbean-Venezuelan oil alliance Petrocaribe has announced plans for a special economic zone, following a summit in Nicaragua with heads of state and representatives from 19 countries.

Venezuela president Nicolas Maduro on Saturday cheered the summit's accords, which he said will build "a powerful economic zone."

The group proposed to expedite the process with five immediate actions, including signing an agreement with Venezuelan airline Conviasa to facilitate air communication via Caracas.

Under another measure, Venezuela will facilitate maritime trade by providing ships.

Other topics covered for the special economic zone were tourism and fair trade, as well as social issues including health and education.

Economics must go hand in hand with social improvements, Maduro said, explaining the approach aims to create a "poverty-free zone" with Petrocaribe funds.

Venezuela's proposal, accepted by all member countries, called for investment in literacy and other education programs to ensure access for all.

Bolivian President Evo Morales -- attending as a special guest, since his country is not a Petrocaribe member -- proposed the economic zone also be extended to countries in the Americas' Bolivarian Alliance, or ALBA.

His proposal found support from Nicaragua, Cuba and Venezuela.

Petrocaribe was founded in 2005 and includes 18 Caribbean nations and Venezuela, representing a combined population of 85 million people and most of whose economies rely largely on agriculture and tourism.

According to official statistics, the 18 countries receive 3.5 percent of Venezuela's state-owned oil company's exports.

The alliance agreements allow for these countries to pay a portion of their oil bill in very low-interest installments, and the rest in trade, mainly food and livestock. In the case of Cuba, part of their payment comes in the form of 30,000 doctors serving in Venezuela.

## Taiwan's TSMC gets orders from Apple: report

TAIPEI (AFP) - Apple has struck a deal with the world's biggest contract microchip maker in what analysts see as an attempt to reduce its reliance on arch-rival Samsung, a report said.

The US tech giant forged the agreement with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co (TSMC) earlier this month, according to the Wall Street Journal, which cited unidentified TSMC executives.

It said manufacturing of the chips, to be used in Apple mobile devices, would start early next year.

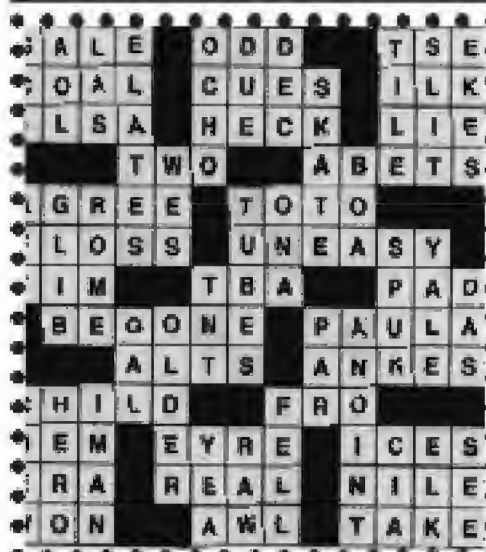
The Journal said the move is the latest in a series of efforts by Apple to lessen its reliance on parts produced by South Korea's Samsung.

But despite the deal with TSMC, Samsung will remain

Apple's main supplier of high-resolution screens, memory chips and processors used in mobile devices through next year, the Journal said.

TSMC spokeswoman Elizabeth Sun declined to comment when approached by AFP.

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## Kia Motors enters Interbrand's list of 50 Best Global Green Brands 2013

-Kia debuts in 37th place on annual Interbrand study of green brands  
-Interbrand assesses both market perception and environmental performance

-Kia also recently named in Interbrand's 100 Best Global Brands 2012



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- Kia Motors has been named 37th in Interbrand's list of the 50 Best Global Green Brands 2013, a debut for the Korean car manufacturer in the annual ranking of sustainability and environmental performance of the world's 100 most valuable brands. Interbrand assesses businesses based on market perception and the actual environmental performance of the company and its products and services.

This latest recognition by Interbrand follows hot on the heels of Kia's recent introduction to the 100 Best Global Brands 2012 rankings, in which Kia placed 87th.

According to the 50 Best Global Green Brands 2013 study, Kia has placed eco-management at the forefront of its brand management strategy alongside its emphasis on quality and design management since 2006. Under this initiative, Kia has made huge strides in improving the performance of its vehicles, with a strong focus on enhancing fuel efficiency and a long-term aim for zero-emission vehicles. As a result of its efforts, Kia continues to be perceived as a leader in the environmental sustainability sector.

"In our view, the best green brands are those that are not only vital, relevant, powerful and pioneering, but also profitable, ethical and ecologically responsible. We applaud Kia Motors' efforts aimed at

sustainability in all facets of its global operations that have enabled the company to be named as one of our Best Global Green Brands 2013," said Jez Frampton, Global CEO of Interbrand.

Kia's commitment to increasingly efficient mobility is realized partly through the introduction of the latest green technologies to its growing range of products under the EcoDynamics umbrella to ensure the company remains ahead of global emissions regulations and continuously improves average fuel consumption of its entire product line-up. This includes the development of hybrid powertrains for the brand's Forte model in Korea and Optima model in global markets, plug-in electric vehicles, full-electric vehicles and even hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles.

Kia has also realized an increase in the environmental performance of its supply chain, production centers and logistics operations. The brand has been recognized for minimizing harmful emissions from its operations and reducing the use of water resources during the manufacturing process, as well as recycling more than 90 percent of the waste generated during production at domestic plants.

Meanwhile, the brand brings its corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities

together under the slogan, 'A Better Way to Go,' which has seen the introduction of the Green Light Project - a global initiative to build schools and provide school buses to children without access to education. The Green Light Project also runs disease prevention programs and mobile clinics. In 2012, Kia realized a 15 percent year-on-year increase in CSR investment.

Tae-Hyun (Thomas) Oh, Executive Vice President and COO of Kia Motors Corporation, said, "Kia Motors contin-

ues to invest heavily in sustainable growth in environmental performance and corporate social responsibility around the globe.

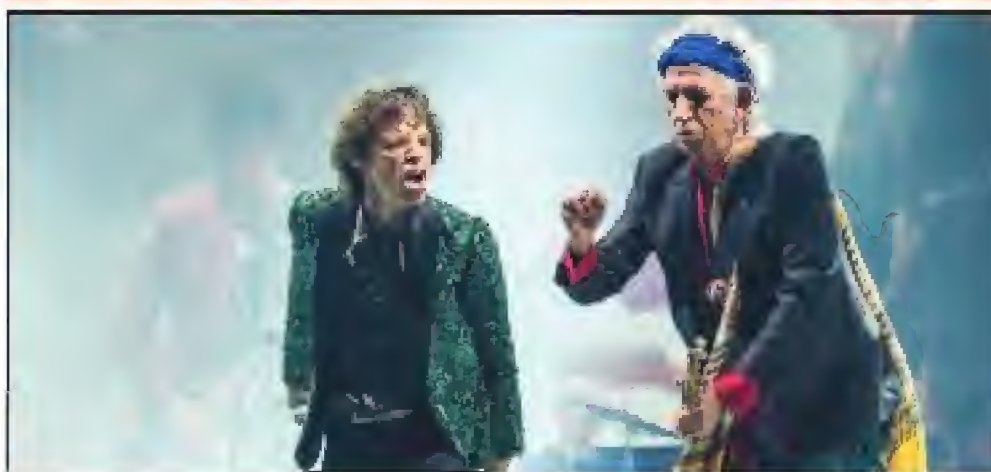
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## Rolling Stones finally rock Glastonbury



PILTON (AFP) - The Rolling Stones showed they've still got it as they finally took to the stage at Glastonbury with an electric performance that organisers said was the highlight of the British festival's history.

Frontman Mick Jagger, wearing a glittering green jacket, bounded onto the Pyramid Stage on Saturday night with the energy and enthusiasm of a man half his age.

"This is great. I want to tell you something -- it's great to be doing this show, doing this festival. You all look amazing," the 69-year-old told the cheering crowd.

Michael Eavis, the organiser of Glastonbury said their

performance was "the high spot of 43 years of Glastonbury", telling the BBC: "They finally did it, and it was fantastic. My God, did they deliver."

Jagger acknowledged that most of the young audience, which reportedly included 28-year-old Prince Harry, probably weren't born when the band started playing five decades ago.

Jagger began with the 1968 classic "Jumpin' Jack Flash" to a backdrop of fireworks, kicking off a set that showcased all the band's talents and included crowd-pleasers from their 1960s and 70s heyday.

He prowled and pranced around the stage for two hours,

occasionally ceding the lime-light to guitarist Keith Richards and former band member Mick Taylor, who each performed showcase tunes.

Jagger reportedly prepared for the gig with a rigorous fitness routine, avoided speaking for several days beforehand and studied DVDs of past Glastonbury headline acts.

The Stones have been playing a series of North American dates on their "50 and Counting" tour ahead of several British concerts this summer, but Glastonbury is a special kind of pressure.

In honour of the occasion, Jagger wrote a brand new song called "Glastonbury Girl" which made reference to festival traditions including the gumboots often worn against the English mud.

Fans had claimed their spots up to 12 hours ahead of the show, the highlight of a weekend which included headline performances by Arctic Monkeys on Friday and Mumford and Sons on Sunday night.

## Taj Mahal Restaurant, an authentic culinary excursion



-- When Bharat Shah, originally from India, but now a successful businessman in California, put on a spectacular wedding in Aruba for his daughter Lisa and her groom Kalpesh, they welcomed hundreds of friends and relatives from around the world, including the "old country."

When all the wedding guests had finally arrived in Aruba, Bharat hosted an official welcome party along the shore in Palm Beach, and he chose to have it catered by Taj Mahal restaurant, he was that impressed by their cuisine.

If you like your Indian food authentic, or are looking for a new and unique dining experience, an evening at Taj Mahal will deliver a memorable meal.

A seemingly endless menu offers scores of choices for fish, chicken, lamb and vegetarian dishes that are "the real deal," discover that Indian food goes way beyond curry!

A taste-testing crew from THE MORNING NEWS chose a selection of their singular starters and two main courses with saffron rice,

served family style, which provided a fine example of the versatility of their chef.

Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets,

Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sautéed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb. Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of rice, mixed vegetables rich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty delight, on which you can spoon your main course, as well. Pooni is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your

meal.

Our group also added an appetizer of crunchy Samosas, the Indian form of a potato knish, served with either cilantro or sweet and sour sauce. A platter of their Jhinga, large, crispy-fried shrimp in a delicate batter is ample enough to serve as a main course, though featured on their appetizer menu.

As we mentioned, main courses are served family style, in beautiful little pots that sit upon a candle to keep them warm. Our group sampled the "Mutton Saagwala," also known as "Lamb Shag" which is cooked in a thick sauce of yogurt and spinach, and the "Fish Hara Masala," moist, tender chunks of fish in a rich sauce featuring cilantro as the main

flavoring. This is offered in mild, medium and very spicy, we found the medium quite spicy enough for us; it left a tingle on the tongue.

The family style service allows everyone at the table to sample a bit of this and that, and we heartily recommend you do, to truly appreciate this authentic bit of India in Aruba. Open for lunch and dinner, Taj Mahal sports a cozy and intimate air-conditioned dining room and a small outdoor terrace for those that enjoy dining al fresco. They have an exotic dessert menu to match, but our group was too stuffed to partake, there was even enough left to box up and provide a lunch next day for the lucky first person to get to it!

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## SPORTS

# Aruban swimmers making their name in Florida



--Last weekend two Aruban swimmers, Patrick and Jordy Groters were active in swimming competitions in Florida. In the Olympic Pool of the International Hall of Fame, located in Fort Lauderdale is where the grand competition took place - the 2013 International Classic Invitational.

This competition is well known among teams all across the US during the Long Course period in the United States. It also happens to be a competition where teams of different countries in the Caribbean and South America participate to offer athletes the opportunity to experience a mayor competition. Swimmers from the Aruba Dolphins and Stingway in the past have competed in this particular competition.

This year's participation was another big one with more than 40 teams and a total of 1500 swimmers from ages 8 and older. For four long days swimmers competed in the

morning hours in the eliminations to classify for the finals in the evening.

Jordy and Patrick were part of the Davie Nadadores team. They participated only one

The last time that Jordy participated in this competition was back in 2007 where he broke the 50m record Free slam for the 10 years age bracket and less.

The 29.95 record of this past week was not surpassed. During the morning hours Jordy succeeded in classifying in the 200m Turnover slam. And in first place in the 50m Backslam in the 4th place. With CCCAN ahead of him the decision was taken to only swim in the 100m School slam during the

final.

Patrick on the other hand, competed in the 200 Turnover slam, 50m Back slam and the 400m Free slam in the morn-



day, as they were in the final preparation stage to represent Aruba during CCCAN to take place next week. Jordy demonstrated his talent once again in the 100m School slam winning the Gold medal in record time for the 1.06.06 competition.

ing hours. He classified for all three evening finals. For Patrick to track his best time possible he decided to not compete in the 50m Back slam, where he was in the 9th place. In the evening, Patrick was ready to demonstrate that he



can win a medal in the US. After a very close race between 4 fighting swimmers for the 3 medals, Patrick ended up with a Bronze medal for his best personal time of 2.22.16.

Patrick struggled in the 400m Free slam to complete against Gustavo Gutierrez of Argentina but failed to surpass him. Hence, he reached the

wall in the second place for the Silver medal.

On Saturday Patrick and Jordy together with Daniella van den Berg as well as Jemal Le Grand leave for San Jose Costa Rica to form part of the national selection of Aruba with participation in the 2013 Central American and Caribbean Championship.

## Formula One: Teams, FIA tackle under-fire Pirelli

SILVERSTONE (AFP) - Formula One's top teams have called for next month's so-called 'Young Drivers Test' to be used as a comprehensive opportunity to test Pirelli's tyres and resolve some of the problems exposed by Sunday's blow-out marred British Grand Prix.

Champions Red Bull and challengers Ferrari both supported plans to take action immediately in the aftermath of a

furious race that ended in controversy and tumult with many drivers rejecting the current tyres as 'unacceptable.'

Ferrari team chief Stefano Domenicali said turning the young drivers test into a full-on tyre test with senior drivers was now of paramount importance after the four spectacular Pirelli punctures that wrecked Sunday's contest.

Red Bull team chief Christian Horner said: "There happens to be a test here in a few weeks. It is currently scheduled to be for young drivers, but maybe it should be open to current drivers or test drivers, who can give decent feedback that Pirelli could use on the track where they have experienced the issues they have had."

McLaren team principal Martin Whitmarsh was less enthusiastic because he believes that something has to be done more quickly.

As the F1 paddock reeled at the realisation of the scale of possible catastrophe that they narrowly missed on Sunday, F1 race director Charlie Whiting revealed he had considered stopping the race.

After Lewis Hamilton, Felipe Massa, Sergio Perez and Jean-Eric Vergne had each suffered major blow-outs, Whiting says it crossed his mind to stop the race on safety grounds.

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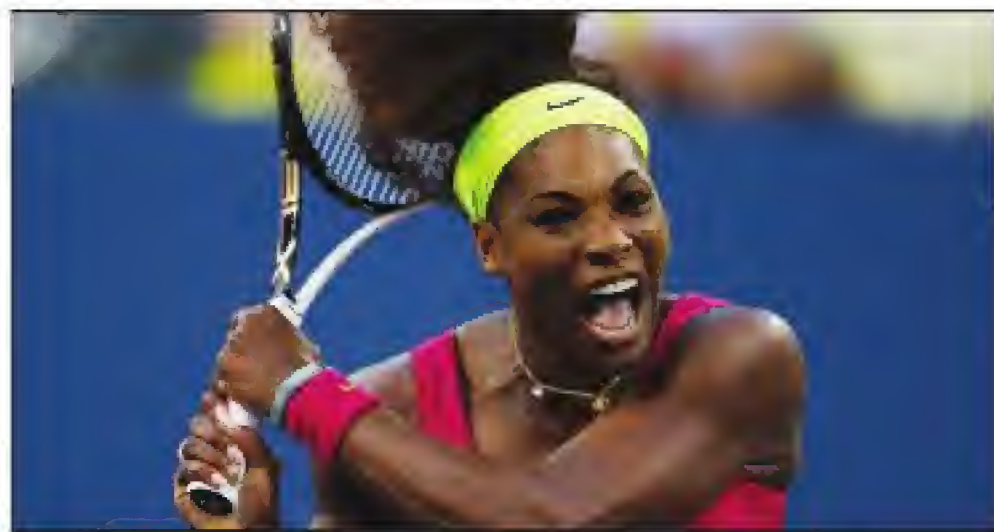
## Tennis: Serena still fighting for rights under bright lights

LONDON (AFP) - Top seed and defending champion Serena Williams breezed into the Wimbledon fourth round but vowed to keep fighting for equal rights under the bright lights of the All England Club.

World number one she may be, but the 31-year-old American was slated as the last match on Court One on Saturday.

With two marathon men's matches before her, she saw her third round clash with 43-year-old Kimiko Date-Krumm suddenly shifted to Centre Court under the roof and the lights.

Her match did not start until around 1930GMT much to her annoyance.



Williams was reluctant to get into a slanging match with All England Club schedulers despite her status as a five-time champion and 16-time Grand Slam singles trophy winner.

"I was a little surprised that I was playing third on after two men. But I wasn't annoyed. I'm able to deal with any circumstance," she said.

Her 6-2, 6-0 win over Date-Krumm gave her a Monday match-up with German 23rd seed Sabine Lisicki for a place in the quarter-finals.

Saturday's win was the 600th of Williams's career as the American continued her gentle cruise towards a sixth Wimbledon title.

A win on today will also give her a 35th successive victory, taking her level with sis-

ter Venus's record set in 2000.

"Wow, 600 wins. I had no idea. What better place than under the roof at Centre Court to achieve it," said the 31-year-old American.

Williams admitted that despite the late shifting of her court on Saturday, she was a definite convert to playing under the Wimbledon roof for the first time.

Lisicki, a semi-finalist in 2011 and a quarter-finalist in 2009 and 2012, when she knocked out Maria Sharapova, said she would not be overawed by the challenge.

She can certainly match the American's raw power -- coming into Wimbledon, the German had fired 185 aces in 2013, second only to her opponent's 268.

(file photo)

## Golf: Park notches historic US Women's Open win



SOUTHAMPTON (AFP) - World number one Park In-Bee won the US Women's Open on Sunday, grabbing a slice of LPGA history with her third straight major triumph of 2013.

Park's final-round 74 gave her an eight-under total of 280 and a four-shot victory over I.K. Kim, who also carded a 74 for 284.

Park joined US sporting legend Babe Zaharias as the only women to win the first three majors in a season. Zaharias won all three in 1950.

"I'm very honored to put my name to someone like Babe Zaharias," said Park, who became the first LPGA player to win the first three majors of a

year in which at least four tournaments were designated majors.

She admitted she thought about the enormity of a win on Saturday night, but felt calm as she made her way around Sebonack Golf Club course on Sunday.

After back-to-back bogeys at the sixth and seventh, Park rebounded with birdies at the ninth and 10th. Despite another brace of bogeys at 14 and 15, she was never seriously threatened.

Kim's 74 left in second place on 284, and South Korea's Ryu So-Yeon posted an even par 72 for sole possession of third place on 287.

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Asked if one more failure would have been enough, Whiting replied: "I'm not going to give a specific number. Obviously to clear up all that debris was putting marshals at risk, and it is not satisfactory.

Whiting said the FIA needed answers from Pirelli about what it believes caused the incident before it could establish a way forward.

"It is too early to draw any conclusions," said Whiting.

The tyre safety issue added

to the agenda of next week's Sporting Working Committee meeting that was already scheduled to take place at the Nurburgring ahead of the German Grand Prix.

Whiting believed that the tyre situation needed to move forward before then - so solutions could be put in place.

Nico Rosberg won, but his Mercedes team-mate Hamilton took as many plaudits when he recovered from his massive tyre explosion to finish fourth.



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## Italy take bronze with shootout win over Uruguay

SALVADOR DE BAHIA (AFP) - Italy keeper Gianluigi Buffon was the difference as the Azzurri took third place at the Confederations Cup on Sunday after beating Uruguay 3-2 on penalties, the pair having been locked at 2-2 following extra time in Salvador.

Although the eyes of 200 million Brazilians were fixed on an evening final between the hosts and world champions Spain, Italian and Uruguayan fans converged on the northern city for the bronze medal which Italy carried off after skipper Buffon saved spot-kicks from Diego Forlan, Martin Caceres and Walter Gargano.

He promptly slammed critics back home who had wondered why he was not able to stop any of Spain's seven penalties in the semi-final.

Despite the early afternoon heat both sides turned in an entertaining contest as the Italians,

edged out in the semi-finals by Spain - also on penalties - came past rivals who had bowed to the Brazilians in their semi.

Alessandro Diamanti looked to have won the game in normal time at the Arena Fonte Nova stadium when he swept in a curling free-kick just inside Uruguay keeper Fernando Muslera's left-hand post in the 73rd minute.

But Edinson Cavani crashed in a stunning free-kick of his own with 12 minutes remaining of normal time to level at 2-2 as the South Americans fought to end a poor run of six losses in seven bronze medal matches at World Cup, Copa America and Confederations Cup tournaments.

The extra half hour could not separate the sides and so the 12-yard test decided the contest.

Forlan - who also missed in the semi against Brazil - fluffed the first kick and though Cavani and Luis



Suarez netted it was not enough as Alberto Aquilani, Stephan El Shaarawy and Emanuele Giaccherini found the net.

In a contest between countries who shared out the first four World Cups Italy, who have since netted two more, drew first blood on 24 minutes when Davide Astori poked in from point blank range after Muslera had deflected another dangerous Diamanti free-kick onto the

woodwork.

But Uruguay were level just before the hour mark with a neat Cavani strike on the run, the Napoli forward stroking a left-footer low past Buffon.

Cavani had already by that stage seen a firm header chalked off for offside.

Italy coach Cesare Prandelli, having lost striker Mario Balotelli to injury earlier in the tournament, was able to field Al-

berto Gilardino despite his picking up a knock against Spain, the Bologna man starting in a two-pronged attack alongside exciting Milan star El Shaarawy.

Uruguay, who led their series with the Azzurri 3-2 with three draws coming into Sunday's game, are struggling to find their form in Latin American qualifying for next year's World Cup, though they had managed to recapture some at this event.

In the final half hour, Muslera denied Aquilani before the Italians suffered a blow in the 110th minute with a second yellow card for Riccardo Montolivo.

Uruguay forced the pace in the closing minutes, Cavani twice and Suarez firing off target and Buffon saved bravely from Inter Milan midfielder Gargano as the clock ran down on the extra half hour to force the spot-kick denouement.